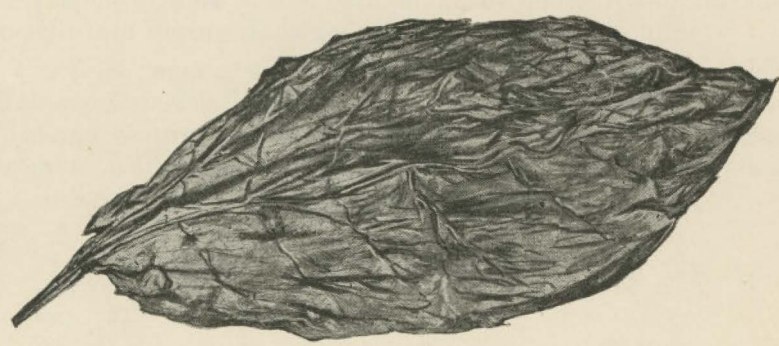


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South Carolina tobacco market opened August 4 and sales the first day indicated that the price and quantity would be very satisfactory to the producer and bring much stability to the Pee Dee section of the state.

All of the warehouses closed during September except those at Mullins and Lake City. These two markets, as usual, kept open during October and the final report received from them was for the month of October.

The final warehouse report for the season shows that the price of tobacco was about one cent per pound above last year but the total decrease in production was over 14 million pounds and the total amount paid to producers for their crop was nearly two million dollars less than the previous year.

The following table gives the name and location of warehouses, the amount of tobacco sold each month by markets, and also the amount sold during the season by each warehouse.

The final pages of this pamphlet are given to an article titled "Tobacco Growing In South Carolina." This article was compiled and written by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration for the state and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for their contribution.

LIST OF TOBACCO WAREHOUSES FOR 1938

Conway (3)

Big Planters Warehouse, Hardwick, Mitchell and Wooten.
Farmers Warehouse, A. M. Lewis, Thompson and Hardwick,
Proprietors.
Horry Warehouse, B. F. Spivey.

Darlington (3)

Center Brick Warehouse, W. J. Stem's Sons.
Milling Warehouse, J. B. McDowell.
Price's Warehouse, R. B. Price, S. H. Price and Mary Price.

Dillion (3)

Farmers Warehouse Co., A. V. Bethea.
Moore's Warehouse, John W. Moore.
Pee Dee Warehouse, Duncan Dew, Jr., Mgr.

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Kingstree (3)

Carolina Warehouse, Matthews, McGill & Vaughn, Mgrs.
 Farmers Warehouse, C. H. and Bill Cozart.
 Nelson's Warehouse, H. E. McIntosh.

Lake City (5)

Bowen's Big Brick Warehouse, G. R., A. M., D. G., E. C.
 Bowen.
 New Home Warehouse, T. J. Colvin, Ed Isaacs, C. H. Bob-
 litt, Leroy Bishop.
 Star Warehouse No. 1, Singletary and Epps.
 Star Warehouse No. 2, Singletary and Epps.
 Graham's Warehouse, Tom S. Graham and Sons.

Loris (4)

Brick Warehouse, W. K. and G. R. Walden.
 Farmers Warehouse, C. H. Hardwick, Prop.
 Harry Lewis Warehouse, H. C. Lewis.
 Loris Warehouse, G. A. Webster.

Mullins (11)

Anderson Warehouse, Hardy Brothers.
 Hardy's Warehouse, Hardy Brothers.
 Brick Warehouse, Williams and Carmichael.
 Williams and Carmichael Warehouse, Williams and Car-
 michael.
 Clark Warehouse, Clark and Lewis.
 Daniel's Warehouse, W. H. Daniel and Fred Nichols.
 Liberty Warehouse, Daniel and Nichols.
 Dixon's Warehouse, C. C. Dixon and Lee Gooch and C. O.
 Dixon.
 Independent Warehouse, Dixon, Bane and Anderson.
 Neal and Dixon's Warehouse, Dixon, Bane and Anderson.
 Foxworth and Winn's Warehouse, Foxworth and Winn and
 Clark Co.

Pamplico (4)

Banner Warehouse, Coleman and Calcutt.
 Pamplico Warehouse, Coleman and Calcutt.
 Brick Warehouse, Fred W. Bane.
 Independent Warehouse, H. L. Glenn.

Timmons ville (4)

Hite and Motley's Warehouse, Geo. Motley and J. M. Hite.

Pepper's Warehouse, T. O. and F. D. Pepper.

Planters Warehouse, J. Wayne Adams, W. A. Baker.

Thomas Warehouse Co., W. M. Thomas.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, COLUMBIA, S. C., J. ROY JONES, COMMISSIONER
TOBACCO REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1938. (9 MARKETS, 40 WAREHOUSES)

MARKETS	No. Warehouses	Sold for Producers Pounds	Sold for Producers Amount	Sold for Dealers Pounds	Sold for Dealers Amount	Resold by Warehousemen Pounds	Resold by Warehousemen Amount	Total Sales Pounds	Total Sales Amount
Conway	3	3,078,152	\$763,856.09	90,740	\$18,708.52	340,271	\$73,003.42	3,509,163	\$855,568.03
Darlington	3	3,133,091	682,988.38	123,891	24,564.23	292,032	66,660.57	3,549,014	774,213.18
Dillon	3	2,423,724	556,083.14	125,208	24,849.87	231,450	53,847.40	2,780,382	634,780.41
Kingstree	3	3,156,962	686,236.90	133,230	28,952.11	305,698	66,731.01	3,595,890	781,920.02
Lake City	5	13,084,966	3,141,509.21	882,962	196,493.80	686,432	158,706.20	14,654,360	3,496,709.21
Loris	4	3,598,629	864,946.48	114,517	22,666.00	210,885	49,035.06	3,924,031	936,647.54
Mullins	11	20,552,680	5,101,753.26	834,592	170,471.24	1,301,904	304,639.17	22,689,176	5,576,863.67
Pamplico	4	3,290,092	817,363.98	67,052	16,657.44	339,994	82,218.72	3,697,138	916,240.14
Timmons ville	4	6,365,494	1,388,100.31	837,000	190,782.69	511,210	113,857.88	7,713,704	1,692,740.88
Total—August 1938	40	58,683,790	\$14,002,837.75	3,209,192	\$694,145.90	4,219,876	\$968,699.43	66,112,858	\$15,665,683.08
Total—August 1937 .....	.....	41,372,414	9,749,256.14	2,763,200	568,084.05	3,016,155	628,214.58	47,151,769	10,945,554.77
Increase in sales 1938 over 1937 .....	.....	17,311,376	\$4,253,581.61	445,992	\$126,061.85	1,203,721	\$340,484.85	18,961,089	\$4,720,128.31

Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, August, 1938, \$23.8615 per cwt.

Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, August, 1937, 23.5646 per cwt.

Increase in Average Rate August, 1938 over August, 1937 .2969 per cwt.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, COLUMBIA, S. C., J. ROY JONES, COMMISSIONER
TOBACCO REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1938. (9 MARKETS, 39 WAREHOUSES)

MARKETS	No. Warehouses	Sold for Producers Pounds	Sold for Producers Amount	Sold for Dealers Pounds	Sold for Dealers Amount	Resold by Warehousemen Pounds	Resold by Warehousemen Amount	Total Sales Pounds	Total Sales Amount
Conway	3	1,063,581	\$215,483.39	40,886	\$7,588.16	104,176	\$19,988.98	1,208,643	\$243,060.53
Darlington	3	1,625,728	243,237.57	66,670	11,157.63	114,900	19,355.35	1,807,298	273,750.55
Dillon	3	654,618	124,322.71	38,710	6,713.77	86,468	13,212.64	779,796	144,249.12
Kingstree	3	826,894	121,481.65	37,977	6,682.36	87,170	14,346.93	952,041	142,510.94
Lake City	5	6,432,990	1,220,313.29	571,281	106,770.60	497,698	97,681.65	7,501,969	1,424,765.54
Loris	4	1,426,374	284,869.67	54,010	9,624.49	113,019	22,544.87	1,593,403	317,039.03
Mullins	11	11,858,335	2,373,810.83	894,336	156,953.49	991,532	200,048.39	13,744,203	2,730,812.71
Pamplico	3	866,026	171,437.64	41,166	7,266.29	145,317	26,176.18	1,052,509	204,880.11
Timmons ville	4	1,975,295	325,478.62	183,605	26,675.21	199,865	33,647.89	2,358,765	385,801.72
Total—September, 1938	39	26,729,841	\$5,080,435.37	1,928,641	\$339,432.00	2,340,145	\$447,002.88	30,998,627	\$5,866,870.25
August and September, 1938 .....	.....	85,413,631	19,083,273.12	5,137,833	1,033,577.90	6,560,021	1,415,702.31	97,111,485	21,532,553.33
August and September, 1937 .....	.....	87,559,021	18,666,085.10	5,479,768	1,053,729.42	6,499,046	1,265,278.14	99,537,835	20,985,092.66
Increase—Decrease—Difference .....	.....	2,145,390	\$417,188.02	341,935	\$20,151.52	60,975	\$150,424.17	2,426,350	\$547,460.67

Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, September, 1938, \$19.0066 per cwt.
Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, Aug. and Sept., 1938, 22.3421 per cwt.
Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, Aug. and Sept., 1937, 21.3182 per cwt.
Increase in rate August and September, 1938 over 1937, 1.0239 per cwt.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, COLUMBIA, S. C., J. ROY JONES, COMMISSIONER
TOBACCO REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1938. (2 MARKETS, 11 WAREHOUSES)

MARKETS	No. Warehouses	Sold for Producers Pounds	Sold for Producers Amount	Sold for Dealers Pounds	Sold for Dealers Amount	Resold by Warehousemen Pounds	Resold by Warehousemen Amount	Total Sales Pounds	Total Sales Amount
Lake City	5	359,723	\$48,635.53	9,608	\$1,226.40	31,928	\$4,681.57	401,259	\$54,543.50
Mullins	6	897,168	139,786.39	46,174	6,822.92	94,598	14,667.79	1,037,940	161,277.10
Total—October, 1938	11	1,256,891	\$188,421.92	55,782	\$8,049.32	126,526	\$19,349.36	1,439,199	\$215,820.60
Total Sales for Season 1938		86,670,522	19,271,695.04	5,193,615	1,041,627.22	6,686,547	1,435,051.67	98,550,684	21,748,373.93
Total Sales for Season 1937		101,352,469	21,112,829.88	6,309,089	1,180,593.31	7,738,523	1,485,392.07	115,400,081	23,778,815.26
Decrease 1938		14,681,947	\$1,841,134.84	1,115,474	\$138,966.09	1,051,976	\$50,340.40	16,849,397	\$2,030,441.33

Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, October 1938 \$14.9911 per cwt.
Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, Season 1938 22.2355 per cwt.
Average Rate, Sold for Producers Only, Season 1937 20.8310 per cwt.
Increase in Rate, Producers Only, Season 1938 over 1937 1.4045 per cwt.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, COLUMBIA S. C., J. ROY JONES, COMMISSIONER
TOBACCO REPORT FOR SEASON, 1938. (9 MARKETS, 40 WAREHOUSES)

MARKETS	No. Warehouses	Sold for Producers Pounds	Sold for Producers Amount	Sold for Dealers Pounds	Sold for Dealers Amount	Resold by Warehousemen Pounds	Resold by Warehousemen Amount	Total Sales Pounds	Total Sales Amount
Conway	3	4,141,733	\$979,339.48	131,626	\$26,296.68	444,447	\$92,992.40	4,717,806	\$1,098,628.56
Darlington	3	4,758,819	926,225.95	190,561	35,721.86	406,932	86,015.92	5,356,312	1,047,963.73
Dillon	3	3,078,342	680,405.85	163,918	31,563.64	317,918	67,060.04	3,560,178	779,029.53
Kingstree	3	3,983,856	807,718.55	171,207	35,634.47	392,868	81,077.94	4,547,931	924,430.96
Lake City	5	19,877,679	4,410,458.03	1,463,851	304,490.80	1,216,058	261,069.42	22,557,588	4,976,018.25
Loris	4	5,025,003	1,149,816.15	168,527	32,290.49	323,904	71,579.93	5,517,434	1,253,686.57
Mullins	11	33,308,183	7,615,350.48	1,775,102	334,247.65	2,388,034	519,355.35	37,471,319	8,468,953.48
Pamphico	4	4,156,118	988,801.62	108,218	23,923.73	485,311	108,394.90	4,749,647	1,121,120.25
Timmonsville	4	8,340,789	1,713,578.93	1,020,605	217,457.90	711,075	147,505.77	10,072,469	2,078,542.60
Total All Markets	40	86,670,522	\$19,271,695.04	5,193,615	\$1,041,627.22	6,686,547	\$1,435,051.67	98,550,684	\$21,748,373.93

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, COLUMBIA, S. C., J. ROY JONES, COMMISSIONER
TOBACCO REPORT FOR 1938, BY WAREHOUSES

Markets and Warehouses	Sold for Producers Pounds	Sold for Producers Amount	Sold for Dealers Pounds	Sold for Dealers Amount	Resold by Warehousemen Pounds	Resold by Warehousemen Amount	Total Sales Pounds	Total Sales Amount
CONWAY:								
Big Planters	1,358,588	\$322,357.31	52,860	\$10,517.00	156,238	\$34,625.52	1,567,686	\$367,499.83
Farmers	1,799,107	420,097.75	52,392	10,141.10	217,702	42,636.42	2,069,201	472,875.27
Horry	984,038	236,884.42	26,374	5,638.58	70,507	15,730.46	1,080,919	258,253.46
Totals	4,141,733	\$979,339.48	131,626	\$26,296.68	444,447	\$92,992.40	4,717,806	\$1,098,628.56
DARLINGTON:								
Center Brick	2,314,418	\$458,214.09	104,070	\$20,307.18	144,772	\$32,308.87	2,563,260	\$510,830.14
Milling	1,323,611	253,481.12	48,635	8,622.61	150,962	31,083.38	1,523,238	298,187.11
Price's	1,120,790	209,530.74	37,856	6,792.07	111,168	22,623.67	1,269,814	238,946.48
Totals	4,758,819	\$926,225.95	190,561	\$35,721.86	406,932	\$86,015.92	5,356,312	\$1,047,963.73
DILLON:								
Farmer's Brick	915,000	\$195,525.45	60,258	\$11,532.66	73,208	\$14,010.01	1,048,466	\$221,068.12
Moore's	1,101,854	254,388.03	42,584	8,386.13	135,864	26,626.08	1,280,302	289,400.24
Pee Dee	1,061,488	230,492.37	61,076	11,644.85	108,846	26,423.95	1,231,410	268,561.17
Totals	3,078,342	\$680,405.85	163,918	\$31,563.64	317,918	\$67,060.04	3,560,178	\$779,029.53
KINGSTREE:								
Carolina	1,561,218	\$321,868.51	20,035	\$4,093.52	121,950	\$23,923.78	1,703,203	\$349,885.81
Farmer's	1,368,856	268,377.89	86,126	17,333.50	196,440	42,620.82	1,651,422	328,332.21
Nelson's	1,053,782	217,472.15	65,046	14,207.45	74,478	14,533.34	1,193,306	246,212.94
Totals	3,983,856	\$807,718.55	171,207	\$35,634.47	392,868	\$81,077.94	4,547,931	\$924,430.96
LAKE CITY:								
Bowen's Big Brick	5,646,490	\$1,224,765.43	603,876	\$131,272.57	205,910	\$40,705.86	6,456,276	\$1,396,743.86
Graham's	3,911,754	865,728.39	184,546	33,882.46	208,314	43,487.41	4,304,614	943,098.26
New Home	2,902,025	613,570.86	216,245	44,231.76	137,572	30,552.52	3,255,842	688,355.13

Star No. 1	4,631,978	1,067,937.40	286,124	59,223.68	328,130	73,015.33	5,246,232	1,200,176.41
Star No. 2	2,785,432	638,455.95	173,060	35,880.34	336,132	73,308.30	3,294,624	747,644.59
Totals	19,877,679	\$4,410,458.03	1,463,851	\$304,490.80	1,216,058	\$261,069.42	22,557,588	\$4,976,018.25
LORIS:								
Brick	1,069,654	\$248,775.43	26,342	\$4,707.45	86,074	\$19,432.69	1,182,070	\$272,915.57
Farmer's	1,340,971	303,154.90	12,400	2,315.96	86,961	20,448.39	1,440,332	325,919.25
Harry Lewis	1,263,564	284,797.61	55,615	10,804.85	64,567	13,396.31	1,383,746	308,998.77
Loris	1,350,814	313,088.21	74,170	14,462.23	86,302	18,302.54	1,511,286	345,852.98
Totals	5,025,003	\$1,149,816.15	168,527	\$32,290.49	323,904	\$71,579.93	5,517,434	\$1,253,686.57
MULLINS:								
Anderson's	1,442,840	\$346,112.08	45,816	\$8,040.65	198,660	\$45,732.32	1,687,316	\$399,885.05
Brick	3,281,564	736,369.69	135,076	25,033.11	170,248	34,546.38	3,586,888	795,949.18
Clark	3,027,478	683,857.28	420,286	75,343.63	310,580	69,288.44	3,758,344	828,489.35
Daniel's	2,377,354	553,972.32	82,652	16,696.47	141,770	31,408.78	2,601,776	602,077.57
Dixon's No. D-42	5,063,720	1,180,856.37	302,206	60,192.52	403,914	82,709.69	5,769,840	1,323,758.58
Foxworth & Winn's	1,694,728	377,217.37	117,180	24,840.69	82,496	18,617.92	1,894,404	420,675.98
Hardy's	4,927,007	1,106,823.23	70,232	12,627.30	487,858	107,729.26	5,485,097	1,227,179.79
Independent	2,445,614	587,369.26	213,190	38,729.90	124,720	30,343.76	2,783,524	656,442.92
Liberty	3,375,910	757,348.93	165,366	30,869.38	187,084	36,720.04	3,728,360	824,988.35
Neal & Dixon's	3,515,118	774,339.08	164,190	30,642.86	147,922	32,687.23	3,827,230	837,669.17
Williams and Carmichael	2,156,850	511,084.87	58,908	11,231.14	132,782	29,571.53	2,348,540	551,887.54
Totals	33,308,183	\$7,615,350.48	1,775,102	\$334,247.65	2,388,034	\$519,355.35	37,471,319	\$8,468,953.48
PAMPLICO:								
Banner	713,236	\$187,723.71	7,966	\$1,911.84	81,978	\$21,478.74	803,180	\$211,114.29
Brick	957,474	215,703.59	10,946	2,375.67	105,108	22,518.07	1,073,528	240,597.33
Independent	994,920	224,649.05	.....	.....	110,933	24,343.79	1,105,853	248,992.84
Pamplico	1,490,488	360,725.27	89,306	19,636.22	187,292	40,054.30	1,767,086	420,415.79
Totals	4,156,118	\$988,801.62	108,218	\$23,923.73	485,311	\$108,394.90	4,749,647	\$1,121,120.25
TIMMONSVILLE:								
Hite & Motley	1,438,056	\$289,763.86	201,400	\$40,321.31	130,858	\$27,652.96	1,770,314	\$357,738.13
Pepper's Sales Co.	1,802,968	363,676.04	268,920	58,050.51	127,898	24,840.31	2,199,786	446,566.86
Planter's	2,639,891	545,785.70	272,209	57,428.98	211,631	44,652.02	3,123,731	647,866.70
Thomas Warehouse Co.	2,459,874	514,353.33	278,076	61,657.10	240,688	50,360.48	2,978,638	626,370.91
Totals	8,340,789	\$1,713,578.93	1,020,605	\$217,457.90	711,075	\$147,505.77	10,072,469	\$2,078,542.60
Total for All Warehouses for Season 1938....	86,670,522	\$19,271,695.04	5,193,615	\$1,041,627.22	6,686,547	\$1,435,051.67	98,550,684	\$21,748,373.93

COMPARISON BY YEARS

Year	Pounds Produced	Sold For	Avg. Rate
1921	43,533,586	\$14,881,028.03	11.21
1922	42,586,756	8,743,061.00	20.53
1923	77,791,783	16,290,045.22	20.94
1924	45,521,604	7,392,498.60	16.24
1925	70,863,812	11,706,701.74	16.52
1926	56,775,614	13,411,420.81	23.62
1927	76,579,367	15,471,559.65	20.20
1928	82,148,173	10,482,678.91	12.76
1929	82,333,055	12,732,893.84	15.46
1930	*77,017,302	9,267,876.87	12.03
1931	*65,185,796	5,960,835.50	9.14
1932	36,215,281	4,137,642.44	11.41
1933	81,676,897	10,287,311.57	12.59
1934	52,952,175	11,434,993.61	21.60
1935	84,585,308	15,887,753.08	18.56
1936	69,841,461	13,890,188.52	19.88
1937	101,352,469	21,112,829.88	20.83
1938	86,670,522	19,271,695.04	22.23

1930—Report of S. C. Tobacco Growers' Marketing Association 16,866,240.

1931—Report of S. C. Tobacco Growers' Marketing Association 1,382,332.

*This amount does not include the amount received by the S. C. Tobacco Marketing Association.



TOBACCO BARN AND WORKERS

TOBACCO GROWING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Tobacco brought to South Carolina in 1938 about 20 million dollars, fifty-five percent of the combined value of cotton and cottonseed for this year.

Although modern tobacco growing in the State did not begin until 1880, the history of its culture dates back nearly two centuries, when Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania and Virginia introduced the crop here. In the colonies from which they came, tobacco had already advanced to such commercial importance that its production and marketing were regulated by English law.

In South Carolina the crop seemed to be of no appreciable value until after the Revolution, for the earliest records date from 1783 with the exportation of 643 hogsheads from Charleston. The following year 2,680 hogsheads were shipped and in 1799 exportation was again more than tripled with the shipping of 9,646 hogsheads. Even this did not account for the entire tobacco crop, however, for some of it was marketed through Northern channels.

The increase of tobacco production warranted the passage of successive legislative enactments beginning in 1784, governing the inspection and sale of the crop, and authorizing the erection of warehouses at Charleston, Beaufort, Georgetown, Cheraw Hill, and other locations "at or near the head of navigation upon Savannah River, at or near Friday's Ferry on the Congaree and on the Wateree near Camden." Inspectors, paid by the State, were stationed at each warehouse to insure that all tobacco offered for sale or export was clean and of good quality, packed in hogsheads made of well-seasoned timber containing not less than 950 pounds.

One such inspector, stationed at Charleston, was a Virginian, Thomas Singleton, said to be the true father of tobacco planting in South Carolina. Moving into the Province some years before the Revolution, he made several tours through South Carolina and by his lectures and the distribution of his pamphlets on the culture of tobacco, he induced many farm settlers to raise the valuable crop.



In 1786 the legislature received a petition from "sundry inhabitants of Union, Spartanburg, Greenville, Chester and York counties . . . praying that a tobacco inspection be established near the courthouse in the county of Union," showing that the cultivation of tobacco had spread to the upper part of the State.

The difficulties of getting tobacco to market and a place of export was a serious handicap to the prosperous new industry, especially in the Up-Country. Below the Fall Line rivers and streams could be utilized, the heavy hogsheads rolled into the water and rafted, or loaded into skiffs and bateaus and rowed to Charleston. The Up-Country planter usually "rolled" his tobacco to market, hitching horses or mules tandem-fashion to an axle driven through the hogshead.

But the prosperity of the new crop was short-lived. In Europe the price of tobacco declined and at the turn of the century with the more profitable cultivation of rice and the invention of the cotton gin, its production was soon abandoned in South Carolina, not to appear again for more than 75 years.

When, in the early 1880's, overproduction caused the price of cotton to drop drastically low, experiments were conducted to find another staple money crop.

Mr. Frank M. Rogers, then of Darlington County, whose farm was later included in Florence County, planted a small plot of tobacco in 1884. Pleased with the result, the next year he planted three acres, built a small log barn, cured the tobacco himself, and shipped it to a North Carolina market where it sold for more than six hundred dollars. The next year, sure that his experiment was a success, he planted twenty acres with the assistance of R. E. Rivers of Battleboro, N. C.

Mr. Rogers' experiments had awakened wide interest and that year, 1886, when the State department of agriculture offered a prize of \$50 for the best South Carolina grown tobacco, so interested had the farmers become that there were forty-three contestants. Mr. Rogers was awarded the prize, and extended his experimentations to curing. In 1887, he cured half of his crop on the stalk, the method then in use. Of the other half he had the leaves stripped from the stalk as they ripened, then cured. At market, the latter half brought twice as much as the other; this method has now been adopted not only throughout the State, but in North Carolina and Virginia.

Within 20 years after the revival of tobacco planting the State ranked ninth in production. Three years later thirty million pounds were produced, ranking the State seventh, and in 1938 it was fifth.

Market price varies considerably from year to year. The highest price of recent years was 23.62 cents a pound for the 56,774,614-pound crop in 1926. The lowest price since then was 9.14 cents for the 66,568,128 pounds of 1931. The 1938 warehouse sales amounted to 86,670,522 pounds, which at 22.2 cents will bring about \$19,271,695.04. This year 101,000 acres were planted to tobacco and the estimated average yield per acre is 910 pounds.

Tobacco is now one of the staple crops of South Carolina. Like cotton, it is a "money crop," more than twenty-two thousand farm families depending on it, wholly or in part, for their cash income. Although in its early years tobacco was successfully grown throughout the State, the crop is now largely confined to the north-eastern counties. Tobacco has completely transformed the Pee Dee Section, dotting the roads and countryside with tobacco barns and crowding many of the towns with huge warehouses, centers of intense activity during the marketing season in August and September. Mullins, Lake City, Timmonsville, Darlington, and Kingstree are widely known tobacco marts.

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